

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND AUTOMATION

April 6, 2010

The Honorable,
The Board of Commissioners of Cook County

ATTENDANCE

Present: Chairman Beavers, Vice Chairman Gorman, Commissioners Butler, Daley, Goslin, Peraica and Schneider (7)

Absent: Commissioners Moreno and Steele (2)

Also Present: R. Steve Edmondson, Chief Information Officer, Bureau of Technology of Cook County

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Your Committee on Information Technology and Automation of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County met pursuant to notice on Tuesday, April 6, 2010 at the hour of 9:45 A.M. in the Board Room, Room 569, County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Your Committee has considered the following item and, upon adoption of this report, the recommendations are as follows:

304791 CONSOLIDATION OF COOK COUNTY'S TECHNOLOGY (PROPOSED RESOLUTION). Submitting a Proposed Resolution sponsored by Gregg Goslin, Elizabeth "Liz" Doody Gorman, Timothy O. Schneider, Todd H. Stroger, President, William M. Beavers, Jerry Butler, Forrest Claypool, Earlean Collins, John P. Daley, Bridget Gainer, Joseph Mario Moreno, Joan Patricia Murphy, Anthony J. Peraica, Edwin Reyes, Peter N. Silvestri, Deborah Sims, Robert B. Steele and Larry Suffredin, County Commissioners.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION AMENDED

CONSOLIDATION OF COOK COUNTY'S TECHNOLOGY

WHEREAS, Cook County has struggled for years to seek out the best approach to address the technology requirements of all entities under the auspices of the County; and

WHEREAS, there has been resistance among some elected officials to consolidate into the County's main technology system due to concerns with privacy; and

WHEREAS, it has become evident that the County cannot continue financially to fund separate or proprietary technology plans for different agencies and departments under the umbrella of the County; and

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WHEREAS, technology funding outside of the Bureau of Technology is significant: automation funding is \$30 million with 240 FTE's; document storage costs are \$26 million with 192 FTE's; and technology related to the 260 and 579 accounts is over \$50 million annually; and

WHEREAS, it is clear that consolidation across all areas of technology will improve efficiencies and save the County money, in 2010 the Bureau of Technology will save \$700,000 by consolidating the iSeries system into the mainframe and \$450,000 by transitioning phone system maintenance to existing staff; and

WHEREAS, of paramount importance in the consolidation process are privacy issues for independent elected officials, and ensuring the integrity and confidentiality of important information. The Bureau of Technology has already proven this can be accomplished as has been done in Maricopa, Los Angeles and Miami Dade Counties in their IT consolidation programs; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Board previously approved the consolidated approach to hardware, software and technology related services, the County must now take the next step to consolidate all technology investments, systems and applications.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bureau of Technology will prepare to centralize technology throughout the County by: preparing an Enterprise Architectural Plan for all County IT operations; consolidate all IT spending including oversight of special purpose funds; continue to build a disaster recovery site; convert historical paper records to electronic format ~~along with other necessary steps and present it to the President and Board of Commissioners prior to the 2011 budget process for implementation into the 2011 budget;~~ and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all departments, bureaus and agencies under the President, and all office of County Elected Officials, are hereby directed to provide the Chief Information Officer, on or before ~~February 25, 2010; April 20, 2010,~~ with detailed information identifying all county staff who are employed in automation or technology related jobs, by job titles and position codes from the 2010 Executive Budget and including the sources of funding for their salary (general funds, grant funds or special purpose funds) and a description of their duties and responsibilities as they pertain to information technology; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Information Officer will prepare a report containing an analysis of the information collected under this directive, said report to be submitted to the President and Board of Commissioners on ~~March 16, 2010~~ May 4, 2010.

***Referred as amended to the Committee on Information Technology and Automation on January 26, 2010.**

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Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Daley, moved the approval of amended Communication No. 304791 as amended.

R. Steve Edmondson, Chief Information Officer, Bureau of Technology of Cook County, stated the following: His Office has received information and input regarding information technology organizations and their spending. His Office had not received information from the following: the Assessor, the Recorder of Deeds, the Chief Judge, and the State's Attorney Office. Once this information is available, he will be able to develop a final report, which he can share with the Committee on the date specified in the Resolution. He does have information from the Sheriff's Office and the Board of Review.

Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Goslin, moved to amend Communication No. 304791 by changing the date from February 25, 2010 to April 20, 2010 in paragraph nine, and by changing the date from March 16, 2010 to May 4, 2010 in paragraph ten. The motion carried.

A voice vote was taken on the main motion to approve amended Communication No. 304791, as amended. The motion carried.

Chairman Beavers asked the Secretary to the Board to call upon the registered public speaker, in accordance with Cook County Code, Sec. 2-108(dd):

1. George Blakemore – Concerned Citizen

Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Goslin, moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

**YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS
WITH REGARD TO THE MATTER NAMED HEREIN:**

Communication Number 304791 Approve as Amended

Respectfully submitted,
Committee on Information Technology
and Automation

William M. Beavers, Chairman

Attest:

Matthew B. DeLeon, Secretary